INFORMATION BULLETIN



WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT

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TO: WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY

SUBJECT: LOCAL PLAN ASSURANCES

The purpose of this information bulletin is to advise you of changes to the Assurances in Section VIII of your Strategic Five-Year Local Plan (Local Plan). It has come to our attention that certain of these Assurances, which were included as part of the planning instructions and guidance for the initial submission of the Local Plan in Program Year 2000, are not applicable to Local Workforce Investment Boards (LWIB). These include parts of Assurance B as well as all of assurances H, K, and L. Accordingly, we have revised Assurance B and have eliminated the other three.

Assurance B has been revised to eliminate references to Section 184(a)(4), (5), and (6) of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA), which sets forth requirements for Governors to monitor for compliance, impose corrective action for noncompliance, and to certify that the State has taken appropriate action with regard to the uniform administrative requirements in WIA Section 184(a)(3). Since the uniform administrative requirements in Section 184(a)(3) apply to both states and local areas, that assurance is maintained.

Former assurances H, K, and L involved required State actions regarding the certification and review of the Wagner-Peyser Act grant and compliance with Title 20 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Section 653.111, which pertained to the development of affirmative action plans for State agencies identified as migrant and seasonal farm worker "significant offices" (NOTE: This section was misidentified in former Assurance L as "Part 651.111"). The revised Assurances (which may be found in the Resource Information Center under "WIA Initial Local Planning Guidance") have been re-designated to accommodate the elimination of the aforementioned three assurances. The former Assurances ran from letter "A" through letter "O." The revised Assurances start with letter "A" and end at "L."

As stated above, LWIBs are not responsible for the former Assurance K, which required the State to ensure that various entities (e.g., WIA Section 167 migrant and seasonal farm worker program grantees, the State Monitor Advocate, agricultural organizations, and employers) and advocacy groups (e.g., migrant and seasonal farm workers, veterans, people with disabilities, and unemployment insurance claimants) were given the opportunity to comment on the Wagner-Peyser Act grant. However, please be aware that individuals who are members of the aforementioned advocacy groups must be assured access to the One-Stop system as part of the universal access requirement.

Section V, item F of your Local Plan requires a description of how the local One-Stop system will meet the needs of these various groups.

If you have already submitted the third year modification of your Local Plan, which was due on August 30, 2002, you need take no further action. It is not required that Local Plan modifications that have already been approved by the LWIB Chairperson and the Chief Elected Official be approved again with regard to the aforementioned revisions to the Assurances. It is suggested that you attach a copy of this information bulletin and a copy of the revised Assurances to the copy of the Local Plan maintained in your office. If you have not yet submitted your third year Local Plan modification, it is suggested that you replace the obsolete Assurances with the revised Assurances and forward them with the modification as soon as possible to your assigned Regional Advisor in the Workforce Investment Division.

Please bring this information bulletin to the attention of all relevant parties in your area. If you have any questions, please contact your <u>Regional Advisor</u> at (916) 653-6347.

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